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ANOTHER BUS DRIVER HIRED

Senators Explain Vote On Regional College Pact

NEW YORK—Responding to a letter of inquiry from Walter White, NAACP secretary, three usually liberal United States Senators have set forth their reasons for voting to consider the southern proposal for segregated regional educational institutions. Each of the three—William F. Knowland of California, Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, and Elbert D. Thomas of Utah—has a record of supporting civil rights legislation.

Senator Knowland in a letter, the content of which was released this week by Mr. White, explained that he "felt that the issue could be better met by facing the situation rather than by recommitting the bill to committee for further study and indecisive action."

Upon request of Governor Meadows of West Virginia, Senator Kilgore acted as a sponsor of the resolution because, as he pointed out in his letter, he "was convinced that this resolution would do nothing more than to permit states to establish regional schools. In my opinion, he legislation would not set aside any Supreme Court decision and would not in any way deter the fight for equal educational opportunity for all Americans." In reply to the Senator's letter, Mr. White asserted that "it has been demonstrated over and over again that there is no possible equality within a segregated pattern."

Senator Thomas referred to his remarks on the Senate floor during debate on the measure, on May 12, in the course of which he said: "There are those who think the principle of non-segregation is just and right, as I do; but everything cannot be done overnight. The way to solve these questions," he continued, "is not to stand absolutely on a principle which cannot successfully be made dominant in our generation, but to go forward as we have gone forward since the Civil War, doing the best possible under (Continued on Page Two)

Dixie Educators Oppose Regional College Plan

RALEIGH, N. C.:—A majority of educators in southern Negro colleges look with disfavor upon the segregated regional college plan, it was disclosed in a poll taken by William N. Smith of Shaw University in Raleigh. The survey, which constituted an effort to obtain factual information on nine questions pertaining to regional colleges for Negroes, was made in preparation for a conference of the Atlanta All Citizens Committee on the Southern Regional Education Plan.

Nineteen of the twenty-seven educators polled declared that they were not in favor of all-Negro institutions, even though they might be well-run and well-planned. The high percentage of educators disapproving the plan refutes the claims of southern governors and congressmen that southern Negroes are anxious to see the establishment of segregated regional colleges. The resolution introduced in Congress to approve establishment of such regional institutions was passed by the House of Representatives but was recommitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 13, which killed ratification of the proposal in this session of Congress.

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Ingram Fund Still Growing

NEW YORK:—A total of \$31,120.52 has been contributed to the Ingram Defense Fund, established by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to finance the legal defense of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons and to provide assistance to the family during the emergency. The Georgia Ingrams received the sentence of death, which was later changed to life imprisonment, for killing a white share-cropper in self defense. Contributions to the fund in the last week amounted to \$1,225.85. Among the organizations which have recently contributed are the East Side Ingram Club (Detroit, Mich.), the Household of Ruth No. 706 (Orlando, Fla.), and Local 652 of the UPWA (Dale City, Calif.)

Deltas Make Pledges And Review Activities

When the members of Gamma Nu Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority made their new pledges last Friday, it seemed that this event marked the end of their first year since they were granted a charter by the national body. A very solemn yet impressive service, members of the sorority administered the oath of the sorority to Mrs. John Holton, Mrs. John West, Miss Betty Powell and Miss Jean Kennedy after which they entertained these new members at dinner downtown. At dinner, the new members were presented with crimson key cases engraved in gold with symbols of the Delta Sigma Theta.

Gamma Nu Sigma will celebrate its anniversary on June 14 and in preparation for this has reviewed its activities which have included a Rush Party which was held at the home of Soror Elizabeth Lambert when prospective Deltas were entertained and members had this opportunity to get to know them better.

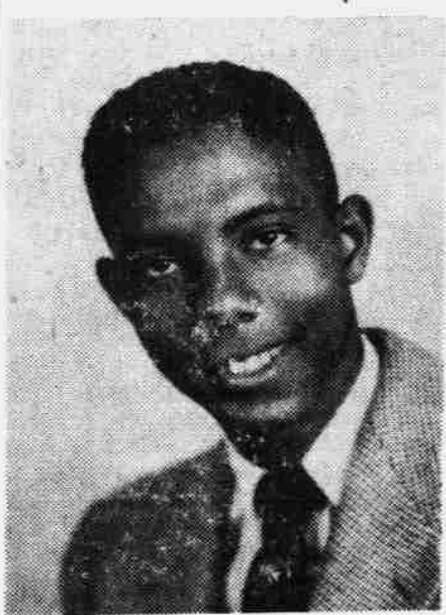
In September, the sorority held a Rummage Sale at the Union Settlement, a most successful affair, for the benefit of their scholarship fund. In October, this group of young women sponsored Miss Betty Lou Allen in a concert at the Ann Street Y.W.C.A. and in March they held their first annual Jabberwock at which time many talented groups had an opportunity to perform. The sorority also presented a scholarship to Miss Jeanne Anderson who will attend college this year.

Sunday, May 23, the sorority held its May worship at the Talcott Street Congregational Church when the Rev. Dr. James A. Wright prepared a special sermon for the occasion and members of details of the program.

The next meeting of this group will be held during the second week in June at the home of Soror Adele Emmery in New Haven at which time election of officers will be held.

The present group of officers of Gamma Nu Sigma Chapter are: Mrs. Olivia Shelton, president; Mrs. Lillian Ransom, vice-president; Mrs. Lillian Thomas, recording secretary; Mrs. Louise Robinson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Bailey Brown, chaplain; Mrs. Maxine Graham, treasurer; Miss Susan Morgan, custodian; Miss Marion Graves, sergeant at arms; Miss Mary Frances Eaves, parliamentarian.

Ralph Davis, Heads Jr. Red Cross



RALPH DAVIS

Ralph Davis, a junior at Hartford Public High School, has been elected president of the Hartford Chapter of the Junior Red Cross, it was learned this week.

The local chapter includes among its members representatives from Windsor Locks, Bloomfield, West Hartford, and East Hartford. Immediate plan of the chapter is to donate needed equipment valued at \$50 each item to summer camps in its district, Davis said.

Among the recipients will be Camp Courant, Camp Bennett, Times Farm and Union Settlement.

As president of the Debating Club of Hartford Public High School, young Davis has the distinction of heading one of the oldest clubs of the second oldest secondary schools in the United States. He succeeded Allyn Martin, also a junior.

Davis is also president of the Young People's Choir of Union Baptist Church and served as president of its Junior Missionary group. He is a regular contributor to the sports section of this newspaper.

Masonic Head To Visit Plainville Lodge

According to the weekly Masonic release issued by Past Grand Master Winfield Taylor, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Grand Master Leslie I. Duncan of that body will make his official visit to Ionic Lodge of Plainville, Monday evening, June 7.

Ionic Lodge, one of the smaller lodges in the state, is nevertheless one of the most active in recent years and Worshipful Master Rose has extended a welcome to all Masons in Connecticut to visit with them on this occasion.

Catholic Priest Supports College Fund Drive

MILWAUKEE, Wis.: (special)—Writing in the Milwaukee Globe, Negro weekly published here, Father Phillip Steffes, pastor at the Church of St. Benedict the Moor, urges all Americans to support the current fund-raising campaign for Negro colleges.

Negroes "are expected to do anything and everything without the ammunition," Father Steffes writes. "A chance for an education is the least we can do for them. That opportunity would have fitted them in the past to come up to our expectations."

Referring to the school which is run in connection with St. Benedict the Moor Church, the priest declares: "The representatives of the Catholic Church in Wisconsin highly endorse the present campaign. The interest the Catholic church has shown in education is seen at St. Benedict's where hundreds of dollars have been spent for this same cause. Annually a collection is taken up in all Catholic churches of the United States for Negro education."

North End Center Holds Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Northend Community Center last week was uniquely different in that it featured a forum discussion of "Issues Involved in the Coming Election." The participants were Elliott Janeway, economist and author who represented the Democratic Party and Mrs. Mary Radcliffe, chairman of the State Central Committee of the Third Party. The chairman of the meeting and forum was: John H. Hurley, president of the board of directors of the Northend Community Center.

Mr. Janeway startled his audience with the initial declaration that he did not represent the pronounced party individual and that he was not in favor of the nomination of Harry S. Truman as the Democratic candidate for president in the 1948 elections.

He inferred that he hoped that the leftwing element in the Democratic party would be able to take over Connecticut and nominate a liberal such as Justice William Douglas of the United States Supreme Court.

Mrs. Radcliffe of the Wallace for President group suggested that Mr. Janeway's general confusion was indicative of the multiple frustration that is manifested these days in both Democratic and Republican ranks, that the people have sensed this confusion, and, therefore are anxious to build a Third Party that will really represent the rank and file of the population.

There was considerable participation from the floor by citizens of the community who were anxious to have certain issues clarified. Specifically, one was "How a truly Democratic Platform that included Civil Liberties for all people, could be implemented in a Democratic Convention with a powerful Southern Delegation?"

Another question came directly out of Mr. Janeway's insistence that a predominantly Democratic Supreme Court had been responsible for much of the clarification of existing statutes which involve liberties. Members of the audience questioned whether or not this was indicative of the attitude of the Democratic party or the liberal reactions of individual Democrats.

Prior to this discussion, the annual election of new Board Members was held and the following persons were elected: Milton H. Glover, Daniel Flether, John H. Hurley and Rabbi Morris Silverman. George W. Goodman, Executive Secretary, gave his annual report on the Northend Community Center.

Refreshments were served by members of the staff and the building was open for inspection.

Reprint Of Noted Author's Classic Honors His Birth

NEW YORK:—A cocktail party to herald the publication of a popular reprint of James Weldon Johnson's THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN EX-COLORED MAN was recently given by the New American Library at their New York offices, 245 Fifth Avenue. Victor Weybright and Kurt Enoch introduced the wife of the late James Weldon Johnson to the many key figures from the publishing world who attended.

Publication date of the Mentor edition of the book is scheduled for June 17, which is the birth date of the author. A national observance of the birthday of Mr. Johnson who was also a poet, statesman and the first field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is being spearheaded by the James Weldon Johnson Literary Guild. Programs are being planned in New York, Boston, Washington and Philadelphia. The New York celebration will be held at the 135th Street Branch Public Library.

Harold Guinzburg, Victor Weybright, Walter White and Arthur Spingarn will appear on the program. The Mentor edition of THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN EX-COLORED MAN and Mr. Johnson's other works will be exhibited.

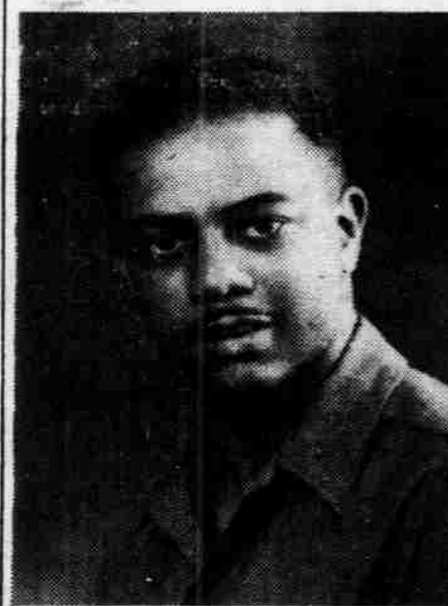
Priest Named To Order's Council

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss.: (special)—Fr. Anthony Bourges, S. V. D., pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lafayette, La., will be the first Negro priest to serve on the five man council of the Southern province of the Society

Conn. Company Employs Second Within Three Weeks

The state's second Negro bus driver was hired Wednesday. He is Henry W. Hayes, 27, of 18 Gilbert Ave., Bloomfield.

The employment of Hayes by the Connecticut Company follows within three weeks the company's hiring of Preston Pope, 28, 31 Spring Street.



HENRY W. HAYES

Gets New Service Discharge

WASHINGTON:—Following intervention by the NAACP, O'reave Minns, former U. S. Coast Guardsman, has been given a service discharge under honorable conditions for physical disability in lieu of his previous dishonorable discharge. Minns who had been stationed in Puerto Rico during the war, was tried and convicted by a general court martial for an alleged assault with intent to commit murder.

Sentenced to five years' imprisonment, allegedly due to injuries inflicted upon him by members of the naval patrol at the time of his arrest in November, 1943. In his behalf, Jesse O. Dedmon, Jr., NAACP secretary of veterans' affairs, appeared before the board of correction of Military Records of the Coast Guard.

of the Divine Word, congregation of Catholic priests.

The new provincial is Fr. William Bauer, procurator at St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill. The five priests make up the council, which is his advisory board.

Hayes, a native of Philadelphia, was graduated from Gratz High School there. He has lived in Bloomfield two years.

He served five years in the army during which he was an operations sergeant with supervision over the operations of 300 trucks and drivers in the European Theatre.

For thirteen months, he worked as a dye caster at Veeder Root Inc., and he has been a transporter for the Mack Motor Company.

Hayes is now undergoing a ten-day training period for permanent status on his new job. He expressed gratitude to the company for giving him the opportunity and was confident he would be accepted permanently.

The hiring of the two culminates a seven year campaign carried on by civic groups and individuals who petitioned the company to hire colored drivers. Among them were the Hartford Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Hartford Negro Citizens' Council and Father John Loughlin, director of St. Benedict's Center.

Pa. Schools Biased NAACP Survey Shows

NEW YORK:—Widespread segregation and discrimination in the public school systems of Pennsylvania communities were uncovered by a survey conducted by Rufus Smith, assistant field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Assisting in making the survey were NAACP branches, Lincoln University, the Educational Equality League, and the Social Action Division of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Smith discovered that segregated schools for Negroes persist in Pennsylvania as a recognized social institution. One-third of the thirty-seven communities visited maintain some form of formal separation between Negro and white pupils. There is a general unwillingness to integrate Negro teachers into the school system. Only thirteen of the towns visited employ Negroes on their teaching staffs. Where Negro teachers are employed, with the single exception of Pittsburgh, they may instruct colored students only. Although extra-curricular activities are widely integrated, Negro students are discouraged from participating in dramatics.

One of the communities visited by the NAACP, Carlisle, has since indicated that Negro students will not be segregated after the expiration of the present school term. Aside from Carlisle, segregated schools were found to exist in Johnstown, York, Coatesville, Morton, Chester and West Chester. Segregated classes within the same school exist in Washington, Downingtown, Kennett Square and Avondale.

This is the second educational survey conducted by the NAACP. In 1946 and 1947, a survey of New Jersey school systems revealed widespread discriminatory practices, many of which have since been eliminated through activity of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches.

James Calloway Wins City Marbles Crown

Thirteen year old James Calloway, of 308 Bellevue street and Arsenal school marbles champion, used his reverse English method so effectively last week that he took the city championship from ten tough foes and won a place in the national tournament.

Finals of the Hartford Marble Tournament, held at Colt Park, was sponsored by the Hartford Courant and Jewish War Veterans.

WELCOME NEW COMIC BOOK



JOYOUS RECEPTION OF NEGRO HEROES — The happy faces of these youngsters are inspired by the new issue of NEGRO HEROES, National Urban League-Delta Sigma Theta publication, being presented to them by Sadie T. M. Alexander, outstanding attorney, whose exciting life story is illustrated in the four-color picture magazine. The true comics book, 300,000 of which hit the nation's newsstands this week, also carries the dramatic stories of Jackie Robinson, Booker T. Washington, Mabel K. Staupers, Sugar Chile Robinson, and Toussaint L'Overture, and adventures of the 784th Tank Battalion in World War II. (Story on Page Three.)